

aged along the entire line. The Japanese made gains northwest of Ichang, on the Yangtse, the communique said, but in one sector of the south of the Yangtse an enemy unit was thrown back with heavy losses.

Ichang is 600 airline miles up the Yangtse River from Shanghai, and Chungking is more than 800 miles southwest of that long-held Japanese base.

#### DISAGREE ON OBJECTIVE.

While the current Japanese operations are interpreted by some observers as an effort of the invaders to reach Chungking, this was disputed today by the English-language National Herald, generally regarded as a mouthpiece of the Chinese Foreign Office.

The Herald said the Japanese would need at least 1,000,000 troops in a multi-spearheaded drive to take Chungking and even then could not be confident of success.

#### Alarm In Chungking

CHUNGKING, May 29.—(AP)—Chungking was under a two-hour air raid alarm this morning when 36 Japanese planes flew over the border into Szechwan province to attack Liangshan, 106 miles northeast. No planes appeared over the capital itself.

#### Commissioner Slain

CHUNGKING, May 29.—(AP)—The Chinese commissioner for Sikang Province, in Western China, was assassinated Wednesday by five gunmen, and one of his bodyguards also was wounded fatally, a despatch said today.

#### Houde's Application For Release Heard

FREDERICTON, May 29.—(CP)—Application for release of Camillien Houde, former mayor of Montreal and civilian internee in a camp in New Brunswick, has been heard by an advisory internment committee. He was interned in 1940 for his denunciation of the national registration.

No statement was issued on the hearing.

today for his alleged part in the filming of his best-selling book, "Mission to Moscow."

## DIABOLICAL WEAPON HINTED

# DAM DEAD 20,000 REPRISAL PROMISED

(By Associated Press.)

BERNE, May 29.—Despatches from Berlin today said the Germans are talking of the death toll reaching 20,000 in the Ruhr as a result of R.A.F. attacks on the Mohne and Eder dams early last week.

The Nazi foreign press chief, Paul Schmidt, was reported to have told correspondents in Berlin that Germany would resort to "far-reaching reprisals with new diabolical engines" against Britain.

The Berlin correspondent of the Tribune de Geneve said the German people are being told that it is "better to be in Berlin today than in London the day after tomorrow."

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## Jap Property Sales Planned

Japanese-held property in defense areas of British Columbia will be listed for sale within the next few days but no definite plans for a test case against this have yet been made, J. A. MacLennan, counsel for Japanese Property Owners' Association, said today.

The sale will be conducted through the Custodian of Enemy Property, who will act for both Japanese owners and prospective buyers.

Under special authority invested in his department at Ottawa some months ago, the custodian will be sole authority as to fairness of offers made and will decide on whether any offer is to be accepted.

In the meantime, Japanese property owners now at interior camps are raising funds among themselves to obtain legal aid in testing the legality of the federal order.

## Chinese Injured By Hit-run Car

Police are looking for the driver of a hit-run car that knocked down an elderly Chinese at Pender and Main Friday night.

The injured man is Wong Kong, 64, of 115 East Pender, who was seen lying in a dazed condition on the east side of Main, just south of Pender, by Constable E. M. Blair as he drove past in a patrol car.

